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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Status Report on Task Group I of Panel B, PSB

REFERENCE: See Previous Report of 17 October

25X1A5a1 On 24 October a review committee of Panel B met with respect to the inventory of cold war weapons. Present: 25X1A5a1
PSB Staff; [REDACTED], CIA; Mr. Stelle and Mr. Wexler, Department of State.

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2. At this meeting a paper, prepared by the Department of State with respect to inventory of cold war weapons, was tabled. The essence of the State paper was to narrow the scope of the check list. It considerably recast the terms of reference originally prescribed for Task Group I of Panel B and presented a new approach to the problem. Basically, it withdrew the survey or inventory of weapons concept, psychological actions or the effects desired, and any reference or cataloging of the techniques and substituted therefor two major categories:

- a. Instruments of planning and programming
- b. Instruments or media of transmission.

This paper in addition listed many of the research organizations and facilities available to this Government.

3. The PSB Staff felt there is some valuable comment in the paper and some substantive listing, such as the research organizations, which would be useful in the overall report. However, as a substitute report it would destroy the philosophy of the original directive which required a tabulated listing of programs or activities (weapons) which could be useful as a check list for planners and could augment the work of Intelligence and Analysis Panels.

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4. [REDACTED] stated that the PSB Staff would delete certain features from the original inventory report such as:

- a. Comparison of relative effectiveness,
- b. Suggested actions,

and would accordingly modify the basic report to include certain elements of the State report. This would provide the originally conceived concept of a check list in some usable form for psychological planners.

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